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TO: Mahesh Sharma
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FROM: Angie Kersten, P.E.
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SUBJ: Weed Commissioner Annual Report

DATE: October 16, 2023

Iowa Code Title VIII, Chapter 317, Section 317.7, requires each county weed commissioner to make a written report annually to their Board of Supervisors and forward a copy of the report to the State Secretary of Agriculture. The report lists the name and location of all primary noxious weeds located in Scott County and any new weed that appears to be a serious pest. The report includes a detailed statement of the treatments and costs associated with eradicating noxious weeds.

This resolution requests the Board of Supervisors approval of the report. Attached to this memo is the completed report.



2023 WEED COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

For the County of: _____

Submit to County Board of Supervisors by: November 1, 2023
 Return copy to the IDALS office by: December 1, 2023

Weed Commissioner's Contact Information:

Name	Year Appointed
Address	Telephone
City, Zip Code	Alternate Telephone
Email Address	Pesticide Certificate #

Which of the noxious weeds have you found in your county?

- 1 – Found, a problem in my county
- 2 – Found, but not a problem

- 3 – Not known in my county
- ? – If you cannot identify this plant

<i>Primary Noxious Weeds</i>	<i>Answer</i>	<i>Secondary Noxious Weeds</i>	<i>Answer</i>
Buckthorn		Buckhorn Plantain	
Bull Thistle		Cocklebur	
Canada Thistle		Curly Dock (Sour Dock)	
Field Bindweed		Multiflora Rose	
Hoary Cress (Perennial Pepper-grass)		Poison Hemlock	
Horse Nettle		Puncturevine	
Leafy Spurge		Red Sorrel (Sheep sorrel)	
Musk Thistle		Shattercane	
Palmer Amaranth		Smooth Dock	
Perennial Sow Thistle		Teasel	
Quackgrass		Velvetleaf (Butterprint)	
Russian Knapweed		Wild Carrot	
		Wild Mustard	
		Wild Sunflower	

<i>Invasive Prohibited Plants</i>	Answer		
Garlic Mustard			
Japanese Hop			
Japanese Knotweed			
Oriental Bittersweet			
Purple Loosestrife			

Please list any other plants which are a problem or a concern in your county:

As County Weed Commissioner, do your duties include roadside spraying?

Yes _____ No _____

Did your county publish a Notice of Program for weed control pursuant to the provisions of Title VIII Chapter 317 Section 317.14?

Yes _____ No _____

Did your county employ contract spraying during 2023?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what percentage of your total spray program is contracted? _____%

If possible, please list the contract rates. \$/mile _____

Total contract cost \$ _____

In the past year how much did your county spend on purchasing herbicides?

\$ _____

How many times during 2023 was it necessary to serve a noxious weed notice?

Private (written) _____ Public (written) (DOT, DNR, CCB) _____

How many times did you contact individuals personally, rather than sending them a weed control notice?

Private (verbal) _____ Public (verbal) (DOT, DNR, CCB) _____

How many times did you actually enter private or public land, control weeds, and assess the cost to the owner?

How many months were you employed as weed commissioner in 2023?

_____ months

Are your duties as weed commissioner incorporated into another county job?

Yes _____ No _____ If Yes, what? _____

Weed Comm. Duties _____% IRVM Duties _____%

Other County Duties _____%

How does the overall county weed situation compare with last year?

Improved _____ Unchanged _____ Worse _____

Comments? _____

Is brush control included in your weed commissioner duties?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what method(s) do you use? *(Circle all that apply):*

Spraying Cutting Stump treatment Basal bark

Other, explain _____

What are your suggestions and/or recommendations which may improve your county weed and brush infestations?

What herbicides did your county use in your weed control program? Be specific, please list brand name and quantity of each. Please do not list surfactants or adjuvants. If the spray program is contracted in your county, ask your contractor for this information. Add another page if necessary.

The above report is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____
County Weed Commissioner

Date

Signature _____
Chairman, County Board of Supervisors

Date

Please return a copy to:

Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
Attn: State Weed Commissioner
2230 S Ankeny Blvd
Ankeny, IA 50023-9093

THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S SIGNATURE CERTIFIES THAT
THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED BY
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON _____
DATE

SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR

R E S O L U T I O N

SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

October 26, 2023

APPROVAL OF THE CY2023 WEED COMMISSIONER ANNUAL REPORT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Scott County Board of Supervisors as follows:

SECTION 1. In compliance with Chapter 317.7 of Iowa Code Title VIII,
the Scott County Weed Commissioner has completed a written
report regarding noxious weeds found in Scott County during the
2023 calendar year.

SECTION 2. That the report is approved and the Chairperson be
authorized to sign the report on behalf of the Board.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.